



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ROBERT S. HERRICK,
 SERIAL NO.: 08/951,690
 FILED: October 16, 1997
 FOR: PUNCTUM PLUG HAVING A COLLAPSIBLE
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF

Dear Sir:

An Office Action dated June 10, 1999, was received in the above identified Application which set a time for response of three (3) months from the date thereof, requiring that a response be filed on or before September 10, 1999. Under 35 U.S.C. Section 133, the maximum period set for response is six (6) months.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL NO. EJ792561533US in an envelope addressed to:
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), the undersigned elects to extend the shortened statutory time from response by three (3) month, which extends the response date from September 10, 1999 to December 10, 1999. The Small Entity Fee set in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3) for responding three (3) months beyond the shortened statutory time for response is \$435.00. A check for \$435.00 is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

Based on the above, the shortened statutory time for reply is extended three (3) months to December 10, 1999, by filing this Petition for an extension of time prior to or with the response due herein and payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



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